

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

**ATTENDEES**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Anne Bean, Barbara Bond, The Honorable Dario Broccolino, Jessica Dickerson, Phyliss Mills-Greene for Rhea Harris, Steve Kelly, Adam Lippe, Patricia Marshall, Mooch Mutchler, Cindy Pease, Alonzo Robertson, Chris Shank, Lisa Spicknall-Hornor, Debra Tall, Chief Teresa Walter and Jeanne Yeager

**STAFF:** Kim Herndon and Laurie Rajala

**GUESTS:** Sherry Baynes, Scot Beard, April Dukes, Michael Cohen, Lisae Jordan, Margery Patten, Amy Steinly-Marks and Cara Sullivan

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:** Chris Shank, Executive Director of Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) began the meeting at approximately 10:09 a.m. and introduced the new Chair of the Board, Steve Kelly

- Steve Kelly: The goal of the Board is to make Maryland a national leader in Victim Services.
- All Board Members introduced themselves.

❖ **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

1. The Board decided a retreat would be planned for the winter.
2. **Motion: Move to change the scheduled Board meetings from eight times a year to meeting quarterly.**  
**Vote: Seconded and unanimously decided.**
  - ♦ The next meeting will be held in December.
  - ♦ It was suggested that Members who are unable to attend meetings could conference in.
  - Meetings will continue to rotate throughout the state.

❖ **STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESMENT**

1. Maryland has received its Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) award for about \$36 million, in addition to \$460,000 grant specifically for training and technical assistance.
2. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was created and released for organizations who would like to submit proposals to conduct the statewide needs assessment
  - Four proposals have been submitted, an internal review has been completed of the proposals, and oral presentations have also been completed. Once the best and final offers are made and reviewed, a recommendation will be made to the DBM.
  - The contract for the needs assessment is for 6 months and will be used to guide the drafting of the Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA)
  - State agencies have been notified and encouraged to participate in the assessment.

❖ **2015 VOCA FUNDS**

1. All current VOCA sub-recipients were funded with an additional 20% increase over FY2014.

❖ **PRESENTATION**

1. **Connie Utada, Esq., The Pew Charitable Trusts**
  - SB602 Established the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council

- This committee was established to determine how the state is currently spending money allocated for its correctional system and how the state can use evidence based practices to reduce recidivism.
- PEW Charitable Trust has completed an intensive analysis of data gathered over the last ten years on inmates, their sentences and recidivism rates.
- Justice Reinvestment will allow some funding allocated for corrections to be re-invested in areas like community supervision programs (drug and mental health treatment).
- Each state has a series of roundtables to assist with determining the needs of victims and services.
  - ♦ Victim roundtables will begin in Maryland on October 9, 2015.
  - ♦ Direct Interviews will be conducted in Baltimore City and rural areas.
  - ♦ It is very important that the victim community is heard and included in this data.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ❖ **Legislative Committee, Scott Beard**

1. The State Board does not have anything set for the 2016 legislative season. The committee will be reactive to Bills presented, by a letter of support or opposition.
2. The Committee would like to establish a process for supporting Bills in the future, opposed to how it has been handled in the past.
3. The Justice Reinvestment Bill (JRI) has a strong victim component.
  - This Bill offers an opportunity to reshape the criminal justice process throughout the state.
4. One issue was discussed that concerned whether the Board should take positions on legislation or provide recommendations to the Governor.
5. It was suggested that the Legislative Committee Chairs attend the JRI roundtable meetings.
  - **Motion: Legislative Committee Chairs will attend the JRI roundtable meetings.**
  - **Vote: Seconded and unanimously decided.**

### ❖ **Survivors of Homicide, Debbie Tall**

1. The Survivor Support Network will have a meeting October 5, 2015 at the Anne Arundel Police Headquarters at 1:30pm.
  - Chris Shank will be the presenter.

### ❖ **OPEN FORUM**

1. One guest inquired about the of MVOC grants.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year continuation grants were issued.
  - MVOC funding will be discussed at the retreat.
2. It is suggested that the future of the CICB be discussed at the retreat.

- ❖ **Meeting Adjourned:** Guests and Board members were thanked for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:12pm.